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| For: | LASER MARKING DEVICE, LASER MARKING METHOD, AND OBJECT TO BE MARKED | | |

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Additional Information Not Listed on Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B

A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report, dated November 7, 2008, received in corresponding European application no. EP 04 79 9712, is attached hereto. It is noted that document JP 07 076167 A (Miyachi Technos KK) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 4, 2006.

Concise Statement of Relevancy
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

The relevancy of each document is identified in the Search Report in accordance with international categories: "A" (document defining general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance, "Y" (inventive step or obviousness), and "X" (novelty).

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the earlier of the mailing date of a final rejection or Notice of Allowance sent in this application but before payment of the Issue Fee. The certification required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted separately or below. A petition to the Commissioner and the appropriate fee pursuant to §1.17(i)(1) are submitted herewith.

Certification

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

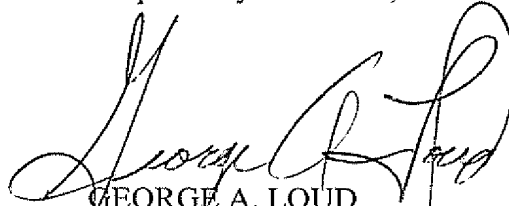
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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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